

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed June 29, 2004, has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Pending Claims

Claims 21-40 are pending in this application.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 21-40 have been rejected pursuant to the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-13 of United States patent No. 6,705,845.

With this response a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR §1.321(c) is presented to obviate this rejection. Accordingly, this rejection is now moot.

Drawings

Fig. 6 has been added to in order to illustrate subject matter of Claims 32 – 40. Further support for Fig. 6 can be found for example in paragraphs [0015] and [0019] of the specification. No new matter has been introduced.

Specification

The specification has been amended to account for newly-added Figure 6. No new matter has been introduced.

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Request for Allowance

It is believed that this response places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this response is earnestly solicited.


If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit an overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Drawings

Please add new drawing figure Fig. 6, attached.

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